



Horizons

NEWSLETTER OF THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN IDAHO FALLS

JUNE 2021

Our Vision

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Idaho Falls is a vibrant and welcoming church home for everyone. With a tradition of thoughtful searching, we are a beacon of truth, love and justice.

Our Mission

Honor the individual's right to religious and spiritual freedom
Minister to each other and the community at large
Nurture the search for truth and meaning
Be a loving and intergenerational community welcoming to all beliefs, races, sexual orientations, ethnicities and gender identities
Improve the quality of life by living our values and working for local and universal justice

Our Covenant

Love is the spirit of this community and service its law. This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

June Worship

Sunday Services 10:30am

June 6 "Scared Geography"

Exploring our spiritual connection to the land.

June 13 "What Lichens Can Teach Us about Theology"

Naturalist Paul Gruchow said about natural communities, "For every predator-prey story there is a lichen story." What might lichens teach us about mutual interdependence and theology?

(This service will include a virtual Flower Communion celebration. Details for participation will be sent next week.)

June 20 "Love in the Time of COVID-19"

Reflections on my first year of ministry with you in Idaho Falls

June 27 "Sunday Worship from the 2021 UUA Virtual General Assembly"

This Sunday we will join with thousands of Unitarian Universalists across the globe in the online worship service from our General Assembly. Note that the service will begin at 10:00 AM MT instead of our regular 10:30.

A Message From Your Board

In-Person Services: The Reopening Task Force has been meeting to determine how and when we will begin in-person services. The most likely scenario is that in the early fall we will offer hybrid services, which will still be live-streamed and with a limited number of people attending the actual service. The Task Force is working on the technical details of this hybrid service, while keeping an eye on infection rates in Bonneville County.

Chalk at Church: We had our first all-

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member outdoor event on Saturday, May 22. Chalk at Church was designed to attract families and children but was also fun for the adults who participated in drawing pictures in the lower parking lot using sidewalk chalk.

Please let Elizabeth Cogliati (dree@idahofallsuu.org) know if you have ideas for other outdoor events.

Annual Fundraiser and Dinner: Cindy Logan (spudnut@mail.com) has found a few options for an online service for our fundraiser. Please contact her if you would like to help organize this event or if you have items, services, or experiences that you would like to offer for bidding at the fundraiser. We have space in the building for items; just let Cindy know and we will arrange to meet you there for drop-off.

Religious Education: The REE space upstairs will look quite different when we return to meeting together. Elizabeth has been clearing out unneeded furniture and materials and rearranging the space, and Rev. Kevin has donated a TV and TV stand for use in REE.

Elizabeth is teaching two adult classes: Building the World We Dream About and What Moves Us. The groups are having great discussions and learning a lot. Stay tuned for announcements about classes that Elizabeth and Rev. Kevin will be offering in the fall.

Community Volunteering: We have a crew to help serve lunches to children for the Summer Food Service Program during the second week of August. Please let Elizabeth Cogliati (dree@idahofallsuu.org) know if you are also interested and we'll get you on the waiting list.

Building and Grounds: Cindy Logan, Elizabeth Cogliati, and Katrin Lepler gathered up extra household chemicals and disposed of them at the Household Waste Hazardous Waste Collection event. Bill Kohn is working with Cindy, Vic Allen, and Jim Sathe to get the building ready for an upcoming fire inspection. T&T Lawn Service has turned on the lawn sprinklers and replaced several sprinklers and nozzles, so the system is now working correctly.

Endowment Committee: We currently have no members on the Endowment Committee. If you would like to volunteer for the committee, please send an email to the Board (board@idahofallsuu.org). If the committee membership cannot be filled, the Board will propose changes to the Bylaws to remove the requirement for the Endowment Committee, with the associated responsibilities reverting to the Board, and largely the Treasurer. Any changes to the Bylaws will be discussed at an annual meeting to be called sometime in the fall.

UUA General Assembly: Rev. Kevin Carson and Elizabeth Cogliati will be attending the virtual General Assembly at the end of June. Rev. Kevin, Elizabeth, Rev. Lyn Stangland Cameron (as minister emerita), Lisa Christenson, and Davette Bogart will be credentialed delegates and will be voting on issues relevant to the UUA. We're all sorry that we won't be attending in person, but hoping that the online workshops are interesting and valuable.

Your Board: Lisa Christenson (President); Amanda Logan (Vice President); Larry Frank (Treasurer); Davette Bogart (Secretary); Cindy Logan, Bill Kohn, Kerry Shirts (Members-at-Large)



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Join UUCIF's Summer Lunch Program Team!

We are excited for the Summer Food Service Program of 2021! We are signing up groups of 6, for one week blocks of time. We are looking for 1 team leader that will attend a training and be with the group for the whole week. The other 5 team members can be interchangeable throughout the week.

We are serving lunch in 2 parks this summer. So, your team will be split after we prepare food and your team members will go to either Kate Curley Park or Highland Park.

Volunteering will consist of preparing lunches and then serving them at the park.

If you would like to participate in UUCIF's team please contact Elizabeth Cogliati at dree@idahofallsuu.org or leave a message at (208) 522-5752

A Worship Care Package from UUCIF

If you would like a care package from the UUCIF faith formation program, with a chalice and other items to help you practice spirituality while we are away from the building, please call Elizabeth Cogliati at 208-522-5752 or email her at dree@idahofallsuu.org.

The Chalice Lighters Program

The Chalice Lighter program assists the growth of member congregations in the Mountain Desert District, providing grants that are funded through contributions from Unitarian Universalists who participate as Chalice Lighters. The Chalice Lighter program gives individuals an opportunity to provide financial support and extend Unitarian Universalism in the District.

Chalice Lighter grants help congregations by providing funds for such things as:

- * starting a new congregation
- * helping a congregation call a minister or other religious professional
- * assisting in the purchase, improvement, or furnishing of a building
- * contributing to other outreach projects that further growth

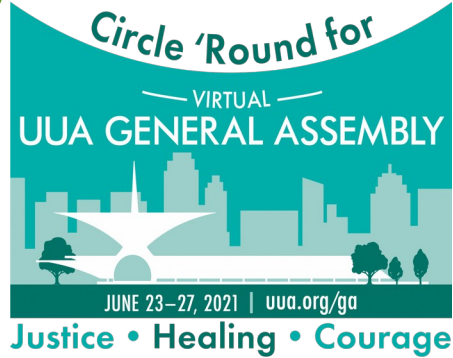
Your generous contribution joins with over 400 others to support the growth of our liberal religion in the Mountain Desert District. The more Chalice Lighters we have, the more we can support our growing congregations. And, by being a Chalice Lighter, you help your congregation qualify for a Chalice Lighter grant.

When you become a Chalice Lighter, three times a year you will receive a "call" or email letter, explaining the purpose of the call and asking for your donation of at least \$20. Or, you may make an annual donation and designate that it be divided between the three calls for that year. MDD is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization and your donation is tax deductible.

To join or find out more visit the mdduua.org web site.



“General Assembly is a time to circle ‘round in community.”



Circle 'Round for Justice • Healing • Courage is the theme for General Assembly 2021.

General Assembly is a time to circle ‘round in community. We circle ‘round in care and healing; for liberation and justice; and for love and courage. We share stories of the work happening at our Association. and in our congregations. We study ways to implement and live into our mission. UUA GA 2021 will incorporate recommendations from the Commission on Institution Change report, “Widening the Circle of Concern” and dialogue with the Article II Commission about our Principles and Purposes. Through programs

and workshops, professional and lay leaders will learn and develop skills to equip them with tools to continue the mission of our faith. Featured speakers will delve into theological analysis, work around organizing for liberation, and the ways we tend our spiritual resilience. Honoring the myriad of communities within Unitarian Universalism, there will be more time for networking, meetups and caucusing over the span of our 5-days together. Finally, during GA 2021, we will preserve our connection to Milwaukee and the MidAmerica Region through special programming and activities. Get ready to Circle ‘Round...

What is GA?

General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists, where we conduct business of the Association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith, and lean fully into our mission and principles. That remains true even when we cannot gather physically.

Last year, GA had more than 4,900 registered attendees participate from remote locations around the world. Although we give up the face-to-face interaction and hugs that are prevalent when we meet in-person, we retain our dedication to community and make our experience more accessible and more environmentally sustainable.



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Idahoans For A Fair Wage

My name is Carol Sevier, Co-President for Idahoans for a Fair Wage. We are an organization committed to raising the minimum wage in Idaho.

A living wage for one person, even in the least costly areas of Idaho, is over \$13.50 / hour today, yet 35% of hourly workers in Idaho earn less than \$13.50 / hr.

We would like to identify people in your congregation and community willing to help us. We need assistance in the following areas:

Share contact information to keep supporters informed –go to <https://www.fairwageid.org/> to sign up for our newsletter

Volunteers to collect signatures within your church community and the community at large
Identify people you know living with low wages that are willing to share their stories.

Identify businesses you are aware of that are paying significantly higher than the \$7.25 / hr minimum wage to allow us to promote them.

Financial contributions to fund this work.

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Registration For General Assembly

Registration is \$200 per person. Financial support for registration as well as a payment plan are available. General Assembly registrants receive access to the 2021 Online Participation Portal, including live, simulive, and on-demand video content, the virtual exhibit hall, chat features, support, and a (new!) GA mobile app.

Register now!

General Assembly Mobile App

The GA Mobile App by Whova provides program listings, speaker profiles, exhibit guide, schedule and social media connections. Available for iPhone, Android, or as a mobile-optimized website. Advertising space on the App can be reserved November through April 15.

Please note: only General Assembly registrants will have use of the GA Mobile App. The app is available now:

https://whova.com/portal/uuaga_202011/

Registrants will be able to access the app within 48 hours or registering for GA.

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